THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) The Hydro-Dynamic Test Facility comprising of high speed towing tank with required high speed carrigan wave generator, planner motion system and supporting facilities is being set up at Naval Science & Technological Laboratory, Visakhapatnam. This is in advance stage of completion.

(b) It is not in public interest to give the details of the amount spent.

(c) Laboratory-wise allocation are not generally disclosed because of the type and nature of work done in different laboratories.

Supply of Dry Ration to Army Staff

1455. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 4374 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st September, 1988 and state:

(a) whether the supply of dry ration such as pulses and edible oil and meat to the ration card holders of Army staff by Army Ration Shop (DID) is still suspended;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and when the supply will be resumed; and

(c) whether it is a fact that army personnel (card holders) of Naval and Air Force are not supplied fresh items of ration viz; vegetables, eggs and meat etc. neither by D.I.D. nor through I.N.S. India; if so, the reasons therefor and remedial steps proposed to be taken to ensure the supply of these items to these consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Payment issues had perforce to be suspended due to the fact that the various State Co-operative Federations—which according to Governments's laid down policy were exclusively eligible for the supply of such items—were unable to fulfil their obligations in terms of their contracts. Efforts are, however, being made to overcome the shortage and payment issues will be resumed when the overall position improves.

(c) I.N.S. India has taken over the responsibility of issuing fresh rations on payment to Naval personnel in Delhi. The matter regarding supply of these items to card holders in the Air Force is yet to be finalised by Army Headquarters and Air Headquarters. Air Headquarters have, however, not received any representations regarding non-supply of these items to entitled Air Force personnel.

Clearance for the Vamsadhara Stage-II Project

1456. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given clearance to the Vamsadhara Stage-II project in Andhra Pradesh and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Vamsadhara Stage-II Project has not been cleared because the environmental issues have not been settled.

Launching of Satellite with Side Looking RADAR

1457. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Side Looking Radar is five times more sophisticated than the Indian Remote Sensing Satellite; and